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Fourth meeting of the Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole

Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, 14-22 April 1983

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting (item 1)

The formal opening of the fourth meeting of the Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole will take place at the Plenary Hall in Africa Hall on Thursday, 14 April 1982, at 4 p.m.

2. Election of officers (item 2)

In accordance with rules 14 and 15 of the Commission's rules of procedure, the Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole will elect from among the representatives of member States a Chairman, a first Vice-Chairman, a second Vice-Chairman and a Rapporteur. The outgoing officers of the meeting will remain in office until the election of their successors. They are eligible for re-election.

3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work (item 3)

In accordance with rule 9 of the Commission's rules of procedure, the meeting will adopt its agenda and establish the procedure for the conduct of its business (document E/ECA/TPCW.4/1).

4. Review of socio-economic conditions in Africa, 1958-1983 (item 4)

Under this agenda item the meeting has before it a document entitled "Review of socio-economic conditions in Africa, 1958-1983". In this document the pace, structure, thrust and problems of economic development in the African region during the last two and a half decades have been examined. For easy reference see executive summary E/ECA/CM.9/20/Summary. The full version is contained in document E/ECA/CM.9/20.

5. Implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos (item 5)

(a) Joint progress report by the OAU Secretary-General and the ECA Executive Secretary

Under this item of the agenda the Committee will have before it a document entitled "Progress report by the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa on the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos" prepared pursuant to the Final Act of Lagos.

This report highlights the activities undertaken individually and collectively by the two secretariats and the constraints encountered in the following sectors: (i) food and agriculture, (ii) industry, (iii) natural resources, (iv) human resources development and utilization, (v) science and technology, (vi) transport and communications, (vii) trade and finance, (viii) environment and development, (ix) African least developed countries, (x) energy, (xi) women and development and (xii) development planning, statistics and population. Emphasis is on the activities undertaken to assist member States directly in implementing the Plan and the Act (Executive Summary E/ECA/CM.9/1/Summary and main document E/ECA/CM.9/1).

The Secretary-General of OAU and the Executive Secretary of ECA indicate that in future the report will not only cover the activities of the two secretariats but also those of the member States themselves in implementing the Plan and the Act.

(b) Contributions by ECA-sponsored institutions to the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action

At its eighth meeting, by resolution 451 (XVII), the ECA Conference of Ministers endorsed the approved programme of work and priorities, 1982-1983, of the regional and subregional institutions sponsored by the Commission which had been prepared in keeping with the objectives of the Lagos Plan of Action. The third Conference of Chief Executives of ECA-Sponsored Regional and Subregional Institutions, which was held subsequently at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, from 29 November to 2 December 1982, decided that a progress report on how their institutions were implementing or would implement the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos should be submitted to the ninth and Silver Jubilee meeting of the ECA Conference of Ministers. For this purpose, a report based on information received from the institutions and setting out their contributions to the implementation of the Lagos Plan of Action and the Final Act of Lagos has been prepared (Executive Summary E/ECA/CM.9/21).

(c) Situation of food and agriculture in Africa, 1982

The paper related to this subitem is composed of four parts. It starts with background information on African Regional Food Plan and Lagos Plan of Action followed by a brief summary on the food situation in 1981. The second

part deals with the implementation of on-going activities on the Lagos Plan and AFPLAN. The third part deals with perceived problems at national, sub-regional and international levels constraining the attainment of the identified goals.

The Conference will be called upon to reaffirm its commitments to (i) the development of food and agriculture as contained in the Lagos Plan of Action and AFPLAN and (ii) develop food and agriculture which constitute the leading economic sector to spearhead Africa's development and survival. The Conference should call on the international community to increase its assistance for development of food and agriculture in Africa along the lines of identified priorities of the Lagos Plan (Executive Summary E/ECA/CM.9/15/Summary or main document E/ECA/CM.9/15).

(d) United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa, 1978-1988 Progress report on Phase I, 1980-1983

(i) Document E/ECA/CM.9/7, which is an executive summary, contains a summary of the progress made so far in the implementation of the Phase I programme, which ends in 1983, on a modal/sectoral basis in financial, objective and priority terms. It also indicates the number of projects and their estimated costs, which have been retained in the Phase I programme and the number of projects which have been transferred to Phase II because implementation cannot be completed during the remaining one year of the Phase I programme or because they did not attract any financing (Main document DEC/TRANSCOM/CM/III/1).

(ii) The draft programme for phase II, 1984-1988

Phase II (1984-1988) of the United Nations Transport and Communications Decade in Africa is still being prepared. Document E/ECA/CM.9/8 gives a preview of the programme of Phase II and gives the number of projects and their costs on sectoral/modal basis. It also examines the consistency of the programme in terms of the initial Decade objectives, strategy and priorities, and draws preliminary conclusions as to the prospects of implementing the programme and achieving the objectives. Further details can be found in main document DEC/TRANSCOM/CM/III/3 or Executive Summary E/ECA/CM.9/8.

(e) Industrial Development Decade for Africa 1980-1990: Progress report

Document E/ECA/CM.9/9 contains a report on activities undertaken by ECA/OAU/UNIDO in implementation of the Industrial Development Decade for Africa. The activities relate to the preparatory phase of the Decade Programme at the national and subregional levels in various industrial subsectors as well as main economic sectors linked with industry.

(f) Establishment of an African Monetary Fund: Progress report

The Committee will consider the progress report on the establishment of an African Monetary Fund which was prepared pursuant to the decision of the Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity contained in the Lagos Plan of Action. This report contains guidelines, terms of reference and a tentative work programme established at a meeting of a high-level expert group from ministries of finance and central banks held in Addis Ababa from 4 to 7 October 1982 (Document E/ECA/CM.9/9).

(g) Regional and subregional economic and technical co-operation and integration: Progress report

Document E/ECA/CM.9/10 contains a brief account of the major developments that have occurred at the regional and subregional levels in the field of economic and technical co-operation and integration, including the Preferential Trade Area in Eastern and Southern Africa, and steady progress towards the establishment of an Economic Community of Central African States as well as co-operative activities in other subregions. It also describes the contributions made by a variety of regional and subregional institutions to the promotion of economic and technical co-operation among African countries.

(h) Interregional economic and technical co-operation

The Lagos Plan of Action recognizes the importance of interregional economic and technical co-operation. Document E/ECA/CM.9/22 gives a succinct summary of recent and on-going activities of member States and the secretariat to promote interregional economic and technical co-operation with particular reference to co-operation between Africa on the one hand, and Latin America, Asia and Arab countries on the other.

(i) Statistical support for development in Africa: Issues, progress and problems

Document E/ECA/CM.9/11 summarizes the constraints affecting the performance of national statistical services, which are responsible for producing the information required to assess Africa's economic and social development and suggests remedial action. For such action to be implemented effectively, a high-level policy initiative should be taken by the Conference of Ministers and the approaches to be considered are proposed.

6. ECA and Africa's development: 1983-2008 (item 6)

Under this agenda item, the Conference will consider document E/ECA/CM.9/23 entitled "ECA and Africa's development: 1983-2008 - A preliminary perspective study". The study, which is divided into four main parts, is a preliminary attempt to assess the situation that Africa could find itself in the year 2008

on the basis of some selected critical socio-economic variables. In the first part, a brief sketch is made of various critical areas which are of paramount importance for Africa's future development namely, demography, food, energy, industry, transport and communication and trade including intra-African trade. The second part of the study deals with African perspectives by the year 2008 on the basis of the continuation of present socio-economic policies, patterns and growth trends. The third part of the study assumes, under a normative development scenario, drastic changes in past policies at the national, subregional and regional levels. In part IV, the main implications of the scenarios are analysed particularly with regard to how to make the transition from the historical trends development to a "willed future" and the measures required at national, subregional and regional levels are indicated, together with the role the Economic Commission for Africa will have to play.

7. Africa and current international economic negotiations (item 7)

Pursuant to the Lagos Plan of Action, the Conference of Ministers attached great importance to the effective participation of African Governments in international economic negotiations and suggested that the secretariat take positive measures to assist the countries in such negotiations. The meeting will have before it a note on African participation in international negotiations in (a) the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, (b) the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), and (c) the ACP/EEC Lome Convention (document E/ECA/CM.9/12). Another area of international negotiations which is of concern to Africa relates to the work on the preparation of a Code of Conduct for Transnational Corporations. A separate note is being submitted as an addendum to the review on international negotiations which reflects the recent development relating to the formulation of such a Code, as well as the results of the second African Regional Meeting on a Code of Conduct on Transnational Corporations held in Addis Ababa in January 1983 (document E/ECA/CM.9/19).

8. Reports of the subsidiary bodies of the Commission (item 8)

(a) Report of the fourth meeting of the Africa Regional Co-ordinating Committee for the Integration of Women in Development

Under this subitem, the meeting will be seized with the report of the fourth meeting of the Africa Regional Co-ordinating Committee for the Integration of Women in Development which took place in Addis Ababa from 11 to 13 April 1983.

(b) Report of the third meeting of the Regional Inter-governmental Committee on Human Settlements and first meeting of the Joint Regional Inter-governmental Committee on Human Settlements and Environment

Under this subitem the meeting will have before it an executive summary (E/ECA/TPCW.4/4/Summary).

In this document, the discussions which took place during the meeting and the decisions on Human Settlements priority areas of action for the coming biennium taken by this legislative body are summarized.

Resolutions on the regional human settlements priority areas to be included within the ECA programme of work and priorities and on the evaluation of the past activities may be expected from the Conference of Ministers on the recommendation of the Technical Preparatory Committee of the Whole (The main document bears the symbol E/ECA/HUS/ENV/1).

(c) Progress report on the African Regional Centre for Solar Energy

Under this subitem a document reviewing the status of the African Regional Centre for Solar Energy in Africa will be submitted to the Meeting. It summarizes the activities of the Centre since its formal establishment in May 1982, outlines its work programme and reports on the implementation of the Centre's Council recommendations. The document has as an annex the report of the extraordinary meeting of the Council which was held from 10 to 12 January 1983 in Addis Ababa (document E/ECA/TPCM.4/3).

(d) Report of the fifth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Africa

The document for submission to the Technical Preparatory Committee comprises the report of the fifth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for Africa as well as the resolutions adopted at the end of the Conference, highlighting the activities undertaken both by the Economic Commission for Africa and the Governments of member States in implementation of the relevant chapters in the Lagos Plan of Action.

9. Third Conference of Chief Executives of ECA-Sponsored Institutions: Issues and recommendations (item 9)

The third Conference of Chief Executives of ECA-Sponsored Institutions was held at Addis Ababa from 29 November to 2 December 1982. The issues considered and recommendations adopted thereat covering the consolidated biennial report of the institutions for the years 1982-1983, the programme of work and priorities of the institutions, 1984-1985, the operation and management of a Buffer Fund for the institutions, the role of ECA in strengthening and co-ordinating the activities of the institutions and the establishment of a uniform salary structure for the institutions, are reflected in documents E/ECA/CM.9/14/Summary and the main report, ECO/IGO/III/11.

10. Preparatory activities for the International Youth Year (item 10)

Under this agenda item, the meeting will have before it an information

sheet on the objectives of the Year. African Governments are urged to help in making adequate preparations for the Year including by participating in the International Youth Year Regional Meeting for Africa (document E/ECA/CM.9/13).

11. Programme of work and priorities (item 11)

(a) Medium-term plan, 1984-1989: Resources of the sea programme

Under this subitem a document E/CN.14/806/Corr.1 - E/CN.14/TPCW.II/23/Corr.1 contains a revision of the medium-term plan, 1984-1989, in respect of the resources of the sea programme based on the recommendation of the Committee for Programme and Co-ordination at its twenty-second session. Information on the resources of the sea programme for 1982-1983 and 1984-1985 biennium will also be available in a supplementary paper.

(b) Implementation of the work programme for the biennium 1982-1983

The main purpose of this report on the implementation of the work programme and priorities for the biennium 1982-1983 is to provide background information for the discussion of the proposed programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1984-1985.

This report will analyse actual and anticipated programme performance at the output level in 1982-1983 in relation to the commitments in the programme budget for the biennium 1982-1983. The focus of the report is on those outputs which are to terminate in 1982-1983 or are postponed to 1984-1985 with reasons being given for such terminations or postponements (Main document E/ECA/CM.9/19; executive summary E/ECA/CM.9/19/Summary).

(c) Implementation of the programme of work and priorities of the MULPOCs for the biennium 1982-1983

Document E/ECA/TPCW.4/5 summarizes the activities carried out by the secretariat and the MULPOCs in implementation of the approved MULPOC programme of work for the biennium 1982-1983. It is to be noted that the MULPOCs are moving from a period when, except for the Tangier-based MULPOC, all were financed almost wholly from extrabudgetary funds provided by UNDP to a period when the Directors of the MULPOCs and a minimum core staff are financed by the regular budget of the United Nations, while their operational projects remain financed from extrabudgetary sources.

(d) Proposed programme of work and priorities for the biennium 1984-1985 (including the substantive programme of work)

The work programme for the biennium 1984-1985 presented in document E/ECA/CM.9/3 represents the first part of the United Nations 1984-1989 medium-term plan under the six-year programming cycle. As in the past biennium, the preparation of this work programme and priorities has been done on the basis of a General Assembly policy of maximum budget restraint and austerity in which

proposals for programme activities have been made within the level of resources of the approved programme budget for 1982-1983 for those programme activities which are regarded as essential to meet legislative objectives as well as those to supplement them. Programmed final outputs indicated in the document as far as possible represent what programme managers will be in a position to deliver.

12. The United Nations Trust Fund for African Development (UNTFAD) (item 12)

(a) Report on the utilization of pledges for 1981-1982

This report gives the status of paid and unpaid pledge contributions as at 31 December 1982. In addition it indicates the total allotments issued under the general and specific funds as well as the summary of the execution of the main projects implemented under UNTFAD including the problems incurred by ECA as an executing agency in the execution of the programme (Main document E/ECA/CM.9/17 or executive summary E/ECA/CM.9/17/Summary).

(b) Projects for funding during the biennium 1984-1985

This report deals with the resources required for the implementation of programmes and projects during the biennium 1984-1985. It contains fact sheets of main priority projects by programme and the total funds required for their execution. African plenipotentiaries are called upon to pledge generously during the fourth pledging Conference to be held on 2 May 1983 in Addis Ababa in order to make available the necessary financial resources for the implementation of these priority programmes adopted by the Commission (Main document E/ECA/CM.9/16 or executive summary E/ECA/CM.9/16/Summary).

13. Resolutions and decisions adopted by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982 and by the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, that are of interest to the Commission (item 13)

Under this agenda item, there will be a review of the various resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session, including those recommended for adoption by the Economic and Social Council at its second regular session of 1982, on the basis of the report and recommendations of the Conference of Ministers at its eighth meeting held at Tripoli, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, from 27 to 30 April 1982. The relevant document will also highlight other resolutions and decisions emanating from the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh session which are of concern to the African region (E/ECA/CM.9/24).

14. Follow-up action on the resolutions and decisions of the Commission at its seventeenth session (item 14)

For the purpose of apprising themselves of the various actions taken by the secretariat in the implementation of the resolutions and decisions adopted

by the Conference of Ministers at its eighth meeting or seventeenth session of the Commission, representatives will have before them document E/ECA/TFCM.4/2 (a) to (b). Similarly under the same agenda item UNDP will present to the Conference a document on the status of the Regional Programme for Africa and its implementation due account being taken of the current financial constraints being experienced by the Programme.

15. Staff and administrative questions (item 15)

Under this agenda item the meeting is presented with document E/ECA/CM.4/15 which deals with all questions on staff, administration and related issues concerning the secretariat's services. The document also shows the efforts of the secretariat to Africanize the staff according to the wish expressed by member States in previous meetings.

16. Any other business (item 16)

Any other matters which delegations may wish to raise will be considered under this agenda item.

17. Date and venue of the next meeting (item 17)

Under this agenda item the Committee will be requested to decide on the date and venue of its fifth meeting.

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